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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6726th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

   Letter dated 23 February 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/112)

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Morning[1] . . . . . 6727th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Peace consolidation in West Africa

Letter dated 18 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/45)

Morning[2] . . . . . 6728th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

Morning[3] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Libya

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Sudan

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6726th meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6727th meeting.
[3]To be held following the adjournment of the 6728th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, *today*, 29 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of March 2012 (United Kingdom) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month of March, on Friday, 2 March 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

(E/CN.6/2012/2, E/CN.6/2012/3, E/CN.6/2011/4, E/CN.6/2012/5, E/CN.6/2012/6, E/CN.6/2012/7, E/CN.6/2012/8, E/CN.6/2012/9, E/CN.6/2012/10, E/CN.6/2012/11, A/HRC/19/31–E/CN.6/2012/12, A/HRC/19/30–E/CN.6/2012/13, E/CN.6/2012/14, E/CN.6/2012/15, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.1, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/55, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/56, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/57, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/58, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/60, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/61, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/62, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/63, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/64, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/65, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/66, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/67, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/68, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/69, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/70, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/71, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/72, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/73 and E/CN.6/2012/NGO/74)

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Piority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Panel 2: "The role of gender-responsive governance and institutions for the empowerment of rural women"

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Items for discussion and decision [3]

(d) Agricultural statistics (E/CN.3/2012/6 and E/CN.3/2012/7)

(e) Environmental-economic accounting (E/CN.3/2012/8)

(f) Environment statistics (E/CN.3/2012/9)

(g) Energy statistics (E/CN.3/2012/10)

(h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources (E/CN.3/2012/11)

(i) Information and communication technology statistics (E/CN.3/2012/12)

(j) National quality assurance frameworks (E/CN.3/2012/13)

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Items for discussion and decision [3]

(k) Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2012/14)

(l) Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations (E/CN.3/2012/15)

(m) Efforts in developing a plan of action on statistical development (E/CN.3/2012/16)

(n) Statistics of human development (E/CN.3/2012/17)

[The list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Commission can be consulted at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/SideEvents_2012.htm>.]

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 29 February 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held *today*, 29 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Ecuador (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 516).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 29 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 29 February 2012

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E (NLB)

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (NLB)

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Briefing for Member States on "The situation in the Sahel region" (by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a senior official of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (co-organized by OCHA and UNDP)

From 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions only. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodríguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

From 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing for delegations on facilitation for the arrivals of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York (organized by the United States Mission)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further details please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail budat@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 266th plenary meeting, to consider and adopt its draft report, on Thursday, 1 March 2012, in the morning, following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), no later than *today*, 29 February 2012. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230); Friday, 2 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Monday, 5 March, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held on Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Ecuador (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 516); and on Friday, 2 March, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held on Friday, 2 March 2012, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 5 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming side activities

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Informative (non-technical) discussion on "Reducing short-lived pollutants to slow climate change while improving crop yields and health (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Friday, 2 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Alice Revell, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail alice.revell@mfat.govt.nz ; tel. 1 (212) 317-3095).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 28 February 2012

Security Council

6724th meeting

Security Council mission

Briefing by Security Council mission to Haiti (13–16 February 2012)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Haiti, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by H.E. Ms. Susan Rice, Head of the Security Council mission to Haiti and Permanent Representative of the United States.

6725th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Lynn Pascoe.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

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(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

Expert panel discussion

The Commission held an expert panel discussion on "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges: Focus on economic empowerment of rural women", moderated by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines).

Presentations were made by Ms. Malika Abdelali-Martini, Socio-economist and Gender Research Specialist, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic; Ms. Shanaz Wazir Ali, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Social Sectors; Ms. Anna Kaisa Karttunen, Agriculture and Rural Development Specialist, Finland; Dr. Jemimah Njuki, Poverty, Gender and Impact Programme, International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya; and Ms. Cheryl Morden, Director, North American Liaison Office, International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The Commission then held an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the following delegations participated: Italy, Pakistan, Israel, Portugal, Panama, Switzerland, India, Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, South Africa, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Swaziland, Jordan, Brazil, United States, Gambia, Mozambique, Canada, Nicaragua, Philippines and Sudan.

The observer for the European Union also participated.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations also participated in the dialogue: Mujer para la Mujer A.C. (also on behalf of Vida y Familia de Guadalajara A.C. and Misión Mujer A.C); Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women; Voices of African Mother; and Public Services International (also on behalf of Education International and International Trade Union Confederation).

5th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), China, Italy, the Philippines, the Netherlands, Liberia, the Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic and Zimbabwe.

Statements were also made by the observers for Nigeria, Austria, the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Brazil, Guyana, South Africa, Mexico, Samoa, Tunisia, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, Fiji, the Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, the Niger, Honduras, Portugal, Indonesia, Morocco and Ethiopia.

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

1st meeting

The Chair of the forty-second session of the Commission, Mr. Ali Bin Mahboob Al-Raisi (Oman), opened the session.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Election of officers . . . . . [1]

The Director of the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Ms. Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary) was elected as Chair of the forty-third session of the Commission, by acclamation.

The newly elected Chair made a statement.

The Commission then elected, by acclamation, Ms. Jill Matheson (United Kingdom), Mr. Eduardo Sojo (Mexico) and Mr. Jiantang Ma (China) as Vice-Chairs, and Ms. Anna N. Majalentle (Botswana) as Rapporteur.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [2]

Following a statement by the Chair, a statement was made by the Secretary of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Suriname and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Director of the Statistics Division made a statement.

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.3/2012/1, as orally amended.

The Commission approved its organization of work, contained in document E/CN.3/2012/L.1, as orally amended.

Intergovernmental organizations wishing to participate in the work of the forty-third session of the Commission

The Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate, as observers, in the session: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; International Energy Forum Secretariat; Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne; and International Energy Agency.

Items for discussion and decision . . . . . [3]

(a) Programme review: population and housing censuses

The representative of the United States introduced document E/CN.3/2012/2.

Statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Japan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, China, Cuba, Australia, Norway, Hungary, Oman and Italy, as well as by the observers for Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Dominican Republic, Sweden, South Africa, Turkey, Samoa, the Philippines, Turkmenistan, France, Egypt, Ecuador, Paraguay, Timor-Leste, Ghana, Ethiopia, Brazil, Malaysia and Greece.

Statements were also made by the observer for the European Union and the representatives of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Director of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 3 (a).

2nd meeting

Crime statistics . . . . . [3 (b)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of Mexico, who introduced document E/CN.3/2012/3.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mongolia, Cuba, Colombia, Germany, the United States, Italy and Morocco, as well as by the observers for the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Dominican Republic, Turkey, Ecuador, Spain, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Afghanistan and South Africa.

Statements were also made by the representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the observer for Palestine.

The Director of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 3 (b).

National accounts . . . . . [3 (c)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the Director of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), who introduced document E/CN.3/2012/4, and by the representative of Australia, who introduced document E/CN.3/2012/5.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Colombia, Cuba, Germany, Japan, Mongolia, Morocco, Cameroon and the United States, as well as by the observers for Denmark, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sierra Leone, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Malaysia, Tonga, Cape Verde, Afghanistan and Brazil.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Director of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 3 (c).

Agricultural statistics . . . . . [3 (d)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of Brazil, who introduced documents E/CN.3/2012/6 and E/CN.3/2012/7.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mongolia, the United States, and the Russian Federation.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011

Signature: Austria (28 February 2012)

Signature: Belgium (28 February 2012)

Signature: Brazil (28 February 2012)

Signature: Chile (28 February 2012)

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Signature: Finland (28 February 2012)

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Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Guinea (28 February 2012)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Guinea (28 February 2012)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Guinea (28 February 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

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H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

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